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PREFATORY NOTE

The following list of the principal manuscripts in the New York state library, originally prepared by the late archivist, George R. Howell, has been enlarged and a partial bibliography added by Charles A. Flagg, sub-librarian (history). The arrangement is chronologic in the order in which the manuscripts were added to the library. For convenience of reference the different collections have been numbered consecutively and the titles given are those lettered on the backs of the volumes. Where these seem inexact or misleading, additional information is given in a note. In the bibliography each entry is followed by the New York state library call number. Volume and page numbers are separated by a colon; e. g. 6:170 means vol. 6, p. 170. Special thanks are due to Henry Harmon Noble of the state historian's office who kindly placed his valuable notes on the manuscripts at the disposal of the library as an aid in compiling this bulletin.

1846

1 Proceedings Albany committee of correspondence, 1775-78.

2 v.

Bought from the descendants of Matthew Visscher.

1848

2 Colonial laws

Manuscript colonial laws, about 175 in number, dated 1691 to 1725 and engrossed on large folio sheets of parchment, often several acts on a sheet. A list of these acts in the library in 1855 is given in the catalogue of the law library for that year.

3 Charter of Charles 2

The original charter of the territory of New York from Charles 2 to his brother the duke of York in 1664. This is on parchment framed and is 32 by 27 inches in size.

1850

4 Minutes of commissioners for detecting conspiracies, 1778-1781.

2 v.

These papers belonged to Leonard Gansevoort jr, secretary of the commissioners, and were given to the state library by his grandson, Thomas Hun, M. D. of Albany.

5 Sir William Johnson's mss. 26 v

These papers cover the period from 1738 to 1790 and shed much light on the colonial history of the state from Albany westward through the Mohawk valley. The manuscripts in the first 22 volumes were bought by Lieut.-Gov. Tayler at the sales of confiscated property during the revolution, and were given to the state by John Tayler Cooper of Albany. These were mounted and bound under the supervision of E. B. O'Callaghan about 1850.

In 1863 additional manuscripts and correspondence of Johnson were bought for \$500. These mounted in 4 volumes were in 1867 added to the 22 volumes already in the library, and a calendar of the whole set prepared and bound in one volume.

In 1865 an index ordered by a concurrent resolution of senate and assembly Ap. 5, 1856, was completed. This was bound in 1870.

These manuscripts must be distinguished from another collection of Sir William Johnson papers which was deposited in 7 bundles in the office of the secretary of state Ap. 16, 1801. Most of the latter are included in the volumes of "New York colonial mss" (see no. 19). With a few exceptions they were printed in *Documentary history of the state of New York* (quarto ed.) 2: 315-583, with a list of missing papers 2: 584.

1851

6 Rev. Dr Westerlo's manuscripts. 9 v.

This collection of the writings of Rev. Eilardus Westerlo in the Dutch and Latin languages was given to the library by Mrs Rensselaer Westerlo.

MATERIALS
ACQUISITION UNIT

1853

7 George Clinton papers. 52 v.

These papers contain material for a military history of the revolutionary war, mentioning the movements of the enemy, mostly within the state, and the counter movements of the patriot forces to defeat the plans of the British. The papers in the first 23 volumes were bought in 1853, the legislature, on July 21, appropriating \$2500 for that purpose, and \$500 for arranging, indexing and binding.

In 1883 a large number of additional manuscripts was bought, from which v. 24-38 were calendared and bound under the supervision of George W. Clinton. v. 39-48 are chiefly land papers which have been bound since as follows:

v. 39	New York city	v. 46	Delaware co.
v. 40-42	Kayaderosseras	v. 47	Various counties
v. 43-44	Dutchess co.	v. 48-49	Miscellaneous
v. 45	Fonda and Oriskany patents	v. 50-52	Deeds and maps

For reports by George W. Clinton as editor in charge of the work of arranging and indexing the Clinton manuscripts, see *Annual report of the New York state library*, 1882, 64: 145-48; 1883, 65: 10-14; 1884, 66: 15-21; 1885, 67: 19-31. For report on the Clinton papers by H. A. Homes, see *Annual report of the New York state library*, 1886, 68: 11-12.

v. 1-3 are in press as appendix N of *Annual report of the state historian of the state of New York*, 1898, v. 3.

8 André' papers. 12 manuscripts

These papers were found in Major André's boots when captured by Paulding, Van Wart and Williams, Sep. 23, 1780, on his way from West Point to New York. They contain detailed information in regard to the forts, batteries, etc. at West Point, account of numbers and location of its defenders, passes from Benedict Arnold, etc.

These manuscripts were originally included in the Clinton papers (see no. 7) but are now mounted and framed as a separate collection. They are printed in B. J. Lossing, *Pictorial fieldbook of the revolution*, N. Y. 1852, 2: 153-56; also in H. B. Dawson, *Papers concerning the capture and detention of Major John André*, Yonkers 1866, p. 51-62, and in Robert Bolton, *History of the county of Westchester*, N. Y. 1848, 1: 215-23.

1856

9 New York legislative papers. 13 v. and index 1 v.

This is part of a collection of papers relating to academies, bridges, counties, courts, currency, insolvency, lands, provisions and taxes, 1780-1803. The papers were formerly in the hands of Abraham B. Bancker, clerk of the senate, and were found in a farm house near Kingston about 1855. In 1856 the regents were directed to procure and arrange them.

1859

10 New York legislative papers. Unbound

These are papers which have come before the New York legislature since 1778, being reports of elections, petitions of individuals, towns and corporations for legislative action on schools, colleges, railroads, canals, etc. They are in packages arranged chronologically. About half the collection is stored in 450 file boxes.

These papers have been deposited in the state library from time to time according to New York laws of 1859, ch. 321 § 1 as follows:

The manuscript or printed papers of the legislature, usually termed "on file" and which have been on file for a longer period than five years, in the custody of the clerks of the senate and assembly, and all other public records of the state, not in the custody of some public officer, shall hereafter be placed in charge of the regents of the University.

For a selection, made in 1831, of the most important papers, see no. 50.

1863

See also no. 5 under 1850

11 New York assembly journals, 1699, 1700, 1740, 1766-7

Title-page: "The missing journals of the New-York colonial assembly, 1693-1775, procured for the state of New York under an appropriation made by the legislature in 1863, by George Henry Moore, librarian of the New York historical society, N. Y. 1863." \$500 was appropriated for the purchase of this volume Ap. 23, 1863. It supplies the journals of the following sessions: Ap. 20-May 16, 1699; July 25-Oct. 29, 1700; June 30-July 12, 1740; June 11-July 3, 1766; Nov. 10-Dec. 19, 1766; May 27-June 6, 1767; Nov. 23-24, 1767. These are wanting in *Journal of the votes and proceedings of the general assembly of the colony of New York began the 9th day of April 1691 and ended the 23d of Dec. 1765*, 2v., N. Y.

1764-66, and *Journal of the votes and proceedings of the general assembly of the colony of New-York from 1766 to 1776*, Alb. 1820.

Assembly journals of the following dates are still wanting: 1683, 1684, 1685, Ap. 20-29, 1692, Oct. 26-Nov. 9, 1692 and Ap. 4-10, 1693.

1865

12 Emancipation proclamation

This is the original draft of the first proclamation by Pres. Lincoln Sep. 22, 1862 of the emancipation of the slaves in the seceded states unless the said states laid down their arms within 100 days. The manuscript was presented to the Albany relief bazaar in February 1864 and brought the sum of \$1100 to its funds. It became the property of Gerrit Smith who gave it to the United States sanitary commission. In 1865 it was bought by vote of the legislature for \$1000 and ordered to be deposited in the state library. The second proclamation actually freeing the slaves was burned in the great Chicago fire, October 1871.

1868

13 Signers of the declaration of independence

Autograph letters or signatures of the signers of the declaration of independence with their portraits, originally bought for \$800, but now with later additions, valued at \$20,000.

The material in this volume was chiefly collected by J. K. Tefft of Savannah, Ga. After his death the volume was sold at auction in New York Mar. 4, 1867 to E. French of whom it was bought by the state.

1873

14 Washington relics

These were obtained of Mrs Lewis W. Washington, the widow of a grandnephew of George Washington, through a special appropriation of \$20,000, made by the legislature Ap. 26, 1871. Besides the dress sword given to Washington by Frederick the Great, a pistol from Lafayette, Washington's watch chain and seals and his surveying instruments, there are three papers: First draft of the *Farewell address*; Opinion of the surviving generals of the revolution (printed in *Magazine of American history*, 1879, 3:81-88); Tabulated statement of household expenses in 1789.

This purchase included also a quarto volume of 205 leaves: *Description of the clothing of his majesty's bands of gentlemen pensioners, yeomen of the guards, and regiments of foot-guards, foot, marines and invalids on the establishments of Great-Britain and Ireland; anno 1742.*

The work, containing 101 hand-colored pictures showing the costume of the British regiments, was executed by order of William, duke of Cumberland and a few sets presented to the most illustrious military characters in Europe. This copy was given by the duke to John Pine who engraved it, and was presented by his son Robert Edge Pine to Gen. Washington at Philadelphia, Sep. 17, 1787. Only two other copies are known, one in the British museum, the other in the library of the Prince consort at Aldershot.

See "List of memorial relics of George Washington, with descriptive notes" in *Annual report of the New York state library, 1874*, 56: 139-46.

1875

15 Henry Stevens papers

Among these are papers relating to the question of jurisdiction between this state and Vermont over Cumberland and Gloucester counties and the New Hampshire land grants; the Susquehanna lands in the western part of New York; the French and Indian wars of 1745-56, including the battle of Lake George; the war of 1812; the papers of Ethan Allen, Ira Allen and Governors Jenison and Tichenor; with a great variety of miscellaneous papers of a private nature. The collection, which is not yet arranged, was bought for \$2000.

1876?

16 New York patents; original drafts. 6v.

These patents convey land to towns and individuals from 1680 to 1751. They were bought in London about 1876 by Dr Henry A. Homes.

1878

17 Dearborn's mission from Mass. to the Senecas and Tuscaroras, 1838-39. 3v.

Title-page reads: "Journal of a mission to the Seneca and Tuscarora Indians and an account of the treaties held with those tribes in the years 1838 and 1839 for the sale of their lands and for

their emigration west of the Mississippi river, by H. A. S. Dearborn, superintendent of Massachusetts."

These manuscripts were bought in Boston, October 1878, at a sale of the collection of J. W. Thornton for about \$60.

See H. A. Homes, *Account of the manuscripts of Gen. Dearborn, read before the Albany institute Oct. 12th, 1880*, Alb. 1881.

1879

- 18 New York, Philadelphia centennial exhibition.** Register of visitors, 1876. 3v.

This register was transferred to the state library by the commissioners, May 1879.

1881

The following manuscripts (no. 19-70) were among those transferred to the state library from the offices of the secretary of state and comptroller according to New York laws of 1881, ch. 120.

No. 20-39 were in the office of the secretary of state in 1820; also the old series of Dutch records which were rebound in first 21 volumes of no. 19, and the loose papers which were mounted to form v. 22-103 of the same series.

- 19 New York colonial mss.** 103v.

These volumes contain papers of the executive department of the colonial government on a great variety of topics, among which are records of civil suits at law involving settlement of conflicting land claims, criminal trials, petitions, commissions, proclamations, memoranda of marriage licenses, appointments to civil and military offices, correspondence in the Dutch period with the West India company and the states general of the Netherlands and with other American colonies, muster rolls of colonial troops previous to the revolutionary war, census rolls of 1698, and papers in general relating to cases needing governmental interference to obtain a peaceful settlement, all illustrating the civil and political history of the colony from 1638 to 1783. These manuscripts were arranged and bound under the supervision of E. B. O'Callaghan about 1850.

For a list of the papers in the first 101 volumes see *Calendar of historical manuscripts in the office of the secretary of state, Albany, N. Y., edited by E. B. O'Callaghan*, 2v., Alb. 1865-66. This calendar contains: v. 1, Dutch manuscripts, v. 1-21, 1630-64; v. 2, English

manuscripts, v. 22-101, 1664-1776. Not included in this calendar, are: v. 102 and 103 of the "New York colonial mss.;" i. e. v. 102, "Clinton, Jay, with New York and Massachusetts boundary papers;" v. 103, "New York and Massachusetts boundary, concluded."

Dutch manuscripts, v. 1-21

The 21 volumes of Dutch manuscripts are the official records of the colony and in them were rebound 46 old volumes of Dutch records. For a list of these volumes see *Report of the secretary of state relative to the records, &c. in his office, 1820*. The contents of the 21 volumes are as follows:

- v. 1-3 Register of the provincial secretary, 1638-62
- v. 4-10 Council minutes, 1638-65
- v. 11-15 Correspondence of the director-general, 1638-55
- v. 16 Placards, writs and Fort Orange records
- v. 17 Curaçao papers
- v. 18-21 Delaware papers

The state library has a translation of most of the Dutch manuscripts in these volumes by Francis A. Van der Kemp, in 24 manuscript volumes. v. 1-4 of the Dutch manuscripts were also translated by E. B. O'Callaghan who also compiled an index of the first three volumes which was printed under title *Index to volumes 1, 2 and 3 of translations of Dutch manuscripts in the office of the secretary of state of the state of New York*, Alb. 1870. v. 4 has a manuscript index.

The ordinances and regulations of the Dutch government were selected and translated from the first 21 volumes by E. B. O'Callaghan and printed as *Laws and ordinances of New Netherland, 1638-1674*, Alb. 1868.

English manuscripts, v. 22-103

The volumes of English manuscripts contain only the letters, petitions, reports, etc. which were submitted to the colonial executive. The official records of that branch of the government may be found in the volumes of "General entries," "Council minutes," etc. See no. 21, 23.

The 4 volumes of *Documentary history of the state of New York*, Alb. 1849-51, together with v. 12-14 of *Documents relative to the colonial history of the state of New York*, Alb. 1877-83, contain many documents printed from this series.

v. 22 of the manuscripts was printed entire in *Annual report of the state historian of the state of New York*, 1897, 2: 133-369.

v. 23 and 24 were printed in *Annual report of the state historian*, 1898, 3: 159-435 except "Minutes of council of the administrations of Commanders Evertson and Benckes and of Anthony Colve, governor of New Netherland, 1673 and 1674" (which was printed in *Documents relative to the colonial history of the state of New York*, 2: 569-730); and some Dutch patents, not translated.

The muster rolls and military commissions of the colony from 1664 down to the revolution, included in v. 22-101 of the "New York colonial mss." are printed with a complete index in *Annual report of the state historian of the state of New York*, 1897, 2: 371-956; and 1898, 3: 437-898 (in press). The muster rolls of the "old French war," 1755-63, have been printed in New York historical society, *Collections, publication fund series*, 1891, v. 24.

20 Dutch patents. 2 v. and index 1 v.

GG, 1636-1649

HH, 1654-1664

Index; Account of Dutch records; alphabetical index of the two Dutch books of Provincial patents, GG and HH.

Volumes GG and HH were no. 34 and 35 in a set of 48 volumes of Dutch records, listed in 1820 by J. V. N. Yates in *Report of the secretary of state relative to the records, &c. in his office*, 1820. The other 46 volumes were arranged and bound about 1850 by E. B. O'Callaghan as the first 21 volumes of "New York colonial mss."

Manuscript translations of these volumes by James Van Ingen are in the secretary of state's office.

21 General entries. 4 v. and indexes 4 v.

v. 1 General entries, 1664-65

v. 4 " 1671-74

v. 32 " 1678-80

v. 33 Entries, 1682-83

v. 1 has been printed by the state library as *History bulletin* 2. The preface contains a description of the volume.

See last paragraph under no. 23.

22 Court of assize, 1665-1672. iv. and index iv.

Numbered 2.

See last paragraph under no. 23.

23 Council minutes. 28 v.

v. 3 1668-78

v. 5-31 1683-1776

Beginning with the first regular colonial legislature, convened in 1691 by Gov. Sloughter, the council became a legislative body, coordinate with the assembly. Its legislative minutes have been printed as the *Journal of the legislative council of the colony of New York begun the 9th day of Ap. 1691 and ended the 3d day of Ap. 1775*, 2 v., Alb. 1861.

In v. 6-8, the executive and legislative minutes are kept separate, the latter at the end of each volume. v. 6 contains also the minutes of the council in its judicial capacity 1687-88, and v. 7, proceedings of the court of Oyer and Terminer, 1679-85.

In v. 9-17, 1702-36, the two functions were mingled and the minutes printed as legislative have been marked by a pen or pencil line in the margin.

v. 18, 20, 22, 24, 27, 28 and 30 contain only legislative minutes and were printed entire, as also some minutes of 1775-76, found in v. 26.

This set as described in *Report of the secretary of state relative to the records etc. in his office, 1820*, is called Colonial council minutes and General entries, 33 v. and includes the 5 volumes of no. 21 and 22 (excluding indexes).

24 Commissions. 4 v.

v. 1 1680, 1683

v. 2 1686, 1702

v. 4 1762, 1772

v. 5 1751, 1770

v. 3, containing appointments in French and Indian war is now missing.

v. 6-38 of this series, "Records of commissions," are in the secretary of state's office.

no. 25-37

In no. 25-37 which follow, the books bearing volume numbers belonged to a set of 32 volumes called "Miscellaneous records" mentioned in *Report of the secretary of state relative to the records, etc. in his office, 1820*.

v. 1 Letters and other documents in Gov. Stuyvesant's time from 1647 to 1664 (in English) was included in "New York colonial mss" v. 1-21 when that set was made up about 1850 (see no. 19).

25 Orders, warrants, etc. 3v. and indexes 3v.

- v. 2 Orders, warrants, letters, 1665-1669
- v. 3 Warrants, orders, passes, etc. 1674, 1679
Orders, warrants, etc. 1680 to 1682

26 Pass book, 1680, 1691. 1v. and index 1v.

Numbered 4

27 Licenses, warrants, etc. 2 v.

- v. 5 1686, 1702
- v. 6 1702, 1712

28 Treasury warrants. 6 v.

- v. 7 Treasury warrants 1702, 1703
- v. 8 " 1705, 1719
- v. 9 " 1719, 1732
- v. 10 " 1731, 1745
- v. 11 " and Indian deeds 1745, 1762
- v. 12 " 1762, 1776

29 Commissioners at Greenwich, Connecticut, 1748

Numbered 13.

These commissioners were appointed to reexamine and determine the controversy between the colony of Connecticut and the Mohegan Indians.

30 New York city charter, 1730

Numbered 14.

31 Colonial precedents, 1739-1747

Numbered 15.

32 Warrants of survey; Licenses to purchase Indian lands; Indian deeds and Warrants for patents, etc. 1721-76. 7 v.

- v. 16 Warrants of survey, Indian deeds, etc. 1721, 1732
- v. 17 Licenses, warrants, etc. 1750, 1765
- v. 18 Warrants of survey, 1765, 1769
- v. 20-21 " 1769, 1776
- v. 22 Warrants to prepare patents, 1753, 1772
- v. 23 Warrants to prepare letters patent, 1772, 1775

33 Returns of survey, 1683, 1686

Numbered 19.

34 Vermont com'rs, 1797, 1800

Numbered 24.

v. 25-27 "Certificates of election" 1799-1814 and v. 28 "Certificates of incorporation" are in the secretary of state's office.

35 Territorial rights, 1750

Numbered 29.

Title page: "Collection of evidence in vindication of the territorial rights and jurisdiction of the state of New York against the claims of the commonwealth of Massachusetts and New Hampshire and the people of the grants who are commonly called Vermoneers, 1750-1770."

36 Territorial rights, 1808

Numbered 30.

Cover bears title: Report of the commissioners under the act entitled an Act respecting a claim for the extension of the eastern boundary of the state of New Jersey; filed by his excellency Daniel D. Tompkins, April 19, 1808.

Printed in *Journal of the senate of the state of New York*, 1808, p. 51-92.

37 Military balloting book, 1790, 1794

Numbered 31.

Printed under the title: *Balloting book and other documents relating to military bounty lands in the state of New York*, Alb. 1825.

38 Council of appointment, civil & military, A, 1777, 1786. v. 1

v. 2-14 of this set are in the secretary of state's office.

39 Translations from the Dutch, 1638-74. 28v.

These are translations, by Francis A. Van der Kemp of the Dutch records now included in v. 1-21 of "New York colonial mss" (see no. 19) and were made in accordance with an act of the legislature passed in 1804. Most of the volumes of Dutch records were still in Van der Kemp's hands for translation in 1819.

40 Indian traders' bonds, 1765-71. 2v.

The royal proclamation of Oct. 7, 1763 regulating the trade of the Indians, required all persons who wished to go into the Indian country to trade, to execute a bond.

These manuscripts, including about 400 bonds, were arranged and bound about 1850 under the supervision of E. B. O'Callaghan.

41 Marriage bonds, 1672-1784. 41v.

The first 40 volumes were arranged and bound under the supervision of E. B. O'Callaghan about 1850, and are indexed in *Names of persons for whom marriage licenses were issued by the secretary of the province of New York, 1860*. For index to v. 41 which was bound by the state in 1897 see *Supplementary list of marriage licenses, 1898*, printed by the state library as *History bulletin 1*.

42 The duke's laws, 1664

The state library copy was certified by M. Wren, secretary of the duke of York, as "concordat cum origine."

The copy preserved at Easthampton, which differs in some respects, is printed in *Colonial laws of New York, transmitted to the legislature by the commissioners of statutory revision, Alb. 1896, 1:6-100*; also in *Collections of the New York historical society, N. Y. 1811, 1:305-97*.

43 Dongan's laws, 1683, 1684

Containing the acts passed by the first general assembly of the province, 1683-84.

These laws, supplemented by manuscript originals in the secretary of state's office, were printed in *Colonial laws of New York, transmitted to the legislature by the commissioners of statutory revision, Alb. 1896, 1:111-73*.

44 Bills which failed to become laws, 1685-1770, New York provincial legislature. 3v.**45 Minutes of the provincial congress, provincial convention, committee of safety and council of safety, 1775-1778. 10v.**

These bodies formed the government of the state from 1775 to 1778, when Gen. George Clinton was elected the first governor.

The legislature on Ap. 11, 1804 passed an act authorizing the governor to procure a copy of the minutes (see no. 48). John McKesson who was employed to transcribe them reported the work

still in progress Aug. 19, 1819. The minutes were printed with an index as v. 1 of *Journals of the provincial congress, provincial convention, committee of safety and council of safety of the state of New York*, Alb. 1842.

46 Revolutionary papers, 1775-77. 12 v.

Printed with an index as v. 2 of *Journals of the provincial congress, provincial convention, committee of safety and council of safety of the state of New York*, Alb. 1842.

47 Papers laid before the provincial congress, 1775-78. 16 v.

These volumes, numbered 24-39, are lettered as follows:

- 24 Credentials of delegates, 1775
- 25 Military committees, 1775-78
- 26-29 Military returns, 1775-80
- 30 Associations and miscellaneous papers, 1775
- 31-33 Petitions, 1775-77
- 34-39 Miscellaneous papers, 1775-78

Selections from these papers were arranged in chronologic order and printed as *Calendar of historical manuscripts relating to the war of the revolution in the office of the secretary of state, Albany, N. Y.*, 2 v., Alb. 1868.

48 Original drafts of minutes, 1775-78. 6 v.

Numbered 40-45.

These consist of from seven to ten thousand documents; minutes of the provincial congress, provincial convention, etc. often carried from place to place in the pocket of the secretary. They are the originals from which the "Minutes of the provincial congress, etc." (see no. 45) were transcribed by John McKesson under act of Ap. 11, 1804.

49 New York military register

Note on p. 1 reads: "Copy of a register taken from the rolls shewing the names alphabetically, rank, dates of commissions and enlistments, period enlisted for and occurrences of the officers, non-commissioned and privates of the New York line of the late army" (revolutionary war)

Bought by the state in 1828 from Alexander Neely, the compiler, by payment of 100 acres of land in Sterling, Cayuga county.

Rearranged and printed in *Documents relative to the colonial history of the state of New York*, 15: 163-253.

50 Assembly papers, 1777-1831. 43 v.

- v. 1-13 Miscellaneous, 1777-1831
- v. 14-24 Revolutionary soldiers and claims, 1778-1831
- v. 25-28 Forfeited estates, 1778-1826
- v. 29-31 Estates of deceased persons, 1789-1831
- v. 32-34 Executive messages and correspondence, 1777-1831
- v. 35-36 Attorney-General's reports, 1794-1829
- v. 37-38 Surveyor-General's reports, 1795-1829
- v. 39 Comptroller's reports, 1795-1829
- v. 40-41 Indian affairs, 1783-1831
- v. 42 Colleges and schools, 1777-1831
- v. 43 Corporations, 1780-1831

These papers were selected in 1831 by the secretary of state from the documents on file in the assembly, according to a resolution of Ap. 20, 1831. For other assembly papers, transferred under act of 1859, see no. 10.

51 Frontiers, miscellaneous, 1794

Numbered 45.

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56 Miscellaneous files. v. 4

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57 Certificates of treasurer. 11 v.

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58 Assistant state agents' certificates

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67 Indentures of Palatine children, 1710-11

These manuscripts were arranged and bound about 1850 by E. B. O'Callaghan.

68 Payments from the public chest, 1702-1705

69 Accounts of the treasurer of the province of New York, 1737-1750

70 Manuscript copies of official papers procured from the archives of Holland, France and England by John Romeyn Brodhead as agent of the state. 80 v.

Holland documents, 1611-65 16 v.

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May 2, 1839 was passed an "Act to appoint an agent to procure and transcribe documents in Europe relating to the colonial history of this state." \$4000 was appropriated at that time and additional appropriations made in 1842, 1843 and 1845 brought the total cost of procuring these documents above \$13,000.

For Brodhead's account of his work see the following: *Report*, the Hague, Oct. 25, 1841 (Senate doc. 1842, no. 2, p. 145-48); *Communication from Paris*, 12 July 1842 (Senate doc. 1842, no. 106, doc. C, p. 29-113); *Communication to the governor*, London, Dec. 3, 1842 (Senate doc. 1843, no. 2, p. 3-4); *Address delivered before the New York historical society at its 40th anniversary, 20th Nov. 1844*, N. Y. 1844; *Final report 12th Feb. 1845*, Alb. 1845. The *Final report* is also printed as Senate doc. 1845, no. 47.

These 80 manuscript volumes were published with a complete index as v. 1-11 of *Documents relative to the colonial history of the state of New York*, Alb. 1853-61. The documents in Dutch and French were translated and the whole series edited by E. B. O'Callaghan.

1883

See no. 7 under 1853

1884

See also no. 72 under 1887

71 D. D. Tompkins papers. 15 v.

These papers of Gov. Tompkins cover the period of the war with England in 1812-15 and throw much light on the history of the state in this war. There are 15 bound volumes besides a quantity of loose papers and letters sufficient to make as many more volumes

when arranged. They were bought from the heirs of Gov. Tompkins for \$5000. See the paper by H. A. Homes, "On the correspondence of Gov. D. D. Tompkins (1808-1824) lately acquired by the state, with some notes on his life," printed in *Transactions of the Albany institute*, 1887, 11: 223-40.

A chronologic list of v. 5-10 ("Letters received, v. A-F") has been printed under the title *List of letters received by the late Gov. Tompkins between the years 1807 and 1817*.

v. 11-13, which are devoted exclusively to military subjects from 1800 to 1816, are printed entire by the state historian as *Public papers of Daniel D. Tompkins, governor of New York, 1807-17; Military*, v. 1, Alb. 1898.

1887

72 Usselincx manuscripts, 1606-46. 3 v.

The papers in v. 1 and 3 were bought in 1887 from J. F. Jameson of Baltimore for \$45 and bound in the library; those in v. 2 were bought in 1884 of Henry C. Murphy for \$75.

Willem Usselincx, an exile from Belgium, was preeminent among the founders of the Dutch East and West India companies. There are 50 printed publications from his pen from 1606 to 1644, nearly all of them having reference to the establishment and success of these companies.

For a list of unpublished writings of Usselincx, nearly all of which are in this collection, see *Papers of the American historical association*, 1888, 2: 213-20. This list was compiled by J. F. Jameson.

1888

73 French papers

These consist of about 2000 folio pages of manuscript copied from the archives of France for the state library, \$800 having been appropriated by the legislature May 9, 1888 for this purpose. This collection contains papers on the early French settlements in Canada and Louisiana; the discovery of the mouth of the Mississippi river; the expedition to Darien in 1698; the French colonies in America in 1720; also journal of John Paul Jones in the revolutionary war; the squadron of Count d'Estaing in the same war; letters of Washington, Lafayette, Baron de Kalb and others during the same period and other historical matters relating to America.

For partial list of these papers, see *Annual report of the New York state library*, 1889, v. 71, pref. p. 13-14.

1894

74 Suffolk county regiment, 1776

Title page: "Official copy of military papers of Col. Josiah Smith of the town of Brookhaven, Suffolk co. Long Island; being the returns of the companies forming the Suffolk county regiment of minute men 1776; which papers are owned by the lineal descendants of Col. Smith; and now by John Conklin Havens of East Moriches loaned to the state library for the purpose of being copied by George Rogers Howell, archivist, Oct. 1, 1894."

75 Visitors' register New York state building, World's Columbian exposition, Jackson park, Chicago, Ill., 1893. 2 v.

Miscellaneous dates

76 Manuscripts, miscellaneous. 13 v.

These volumes were made up in the library from manuscripts added at various times.

77 Commissions, military and civil

This volume contains original military commissions in the revolutionary war, bearing the state arms.

78 Census

About 650 volumes of the state census reports, being the original work of the state enumerators, in folio, 1801-92, the earlier volumes incomplete. These volumes were placed in the state library by the different secretaries of state.

79 Register, state capitol. 9 v.

Contains signatures of visitors to the capitol, 1883-94. These volumes were placed in the library by the superintendent of the capitol.

PARTIAL BIBLIOGRAPHY
OF
MATTER RELATING TO THE MANUSCRIPTS
IN THE NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY
COMPILED BY
Charles A. Flagg

A large number of the manuscripts now in the state library were in the offices of the secretary of state and comptroller till transferred according to New York laws of 1881, ch. 120.

The entries in the following list are arranged chronologically. Call numbers are given for books in the state library.

N. Y. (province) — Secretary. Manuscript list of books in the secretary's office, 1772. (see "New York colonial mss" 99:44)
Manuscript room

N. Y. (state) — State, Secretary of. "Annalium thesaurus." Manuscript volume in the office of the secretary of state, containing a history of the New York state records. This volume was compiled in 1818 by J. V. N. Yates.

— Report relative to the records &c. in his office. 43p. (Senate doc. 1820. no. 2) Law library

Also in Senate journal, 1820, 49:13-51. This report contains a "Catalogue of the records in the office of the secretary of the state of New York on the first day of Jan. 1820."

— Report relative to the execution of the duty assigned him by a resolution of the assembly of Ap. 20, 1830. 12p. (Assembly doc. 1832. no. 302) Law library

On the selection of the documents contained in the 43 volumes of "Assembly papers, 1777-1831" (see no. 50 of previous list) and on their transfer to the office of the secretary of state.

Brodhead, John Romeyn. Reports on his work as agent to procure and transcribe documents in Europe relative to the colonial history of the state.

Report, [the Hague, Oct. 25, 1841] (Senate doc. 1842. no. 2. p. 145-48) Law library

Communication from Paris, 12 July 1842 (Senate doc. 1842. no. 106. doc. C. p. 29-113) Law library

Communication to the governor [London, Dec. 3, 1842] (Senate doc. 1843. no. 2. p. 3-4) Law library

Final report, 12th Feb 1845. Alb. 1845. 016.9747 B78

Also in Senate doc. 1845, no. 47.

Brodhead, John Romeyn. Address delivered before the New York historical society at its 40th anniversary, 20th Nov. 1844. N. Y. 1844. 974.7 B782

Describes his work in transcribing European documents.

N. Y. (state)—Colonial history of the state, Committee on. Report of the select committee on so much of the governor's message as relates to the colonial history of the state. 11p. (Senate doc. 1844. no. 42) Law library

N. Y. (state)—Colonial agency, Committee on. Report. 16p. (Senate doc. 1845. no. 111) Law library

N. Y. (state)—State, Secretary of. Communication in relation to the manuscript documents in his possession concerning the colonial history of this state and recommending their printing. 4p. (Assembly doc. 1849. no. 188) Law library

N. Y. (state)—University. Catalogue of historical papers and parchments received from the office of the secretary of state and deposited in the New York state library, made by the regents of the University Feb. 13, 1849. 55p. Alb. 1849. 016.9747 N42
Also in Assembly doc. 1849, no. 148.

N. Y. (state)—Legislature. Act to provide for the publishing of certain documents relating to the colonial history of the state. (see N. Y. (state)—Legislature. *Laws.* 1849. p. 236-37)
Law library

N. Y. (state)—Library. Manuscripts received from the office of the secretary of state and deposited in the state library in pursuance of a joint resolution of the senate and assembly passed Dec. 15, 1847. (see N. Y. (state)—Library. *Catalogue.* 1850. p. 1021-54)
027.5747 N42 v.32₂

N. Y. (state)—State, Secretary of. Communication from the governor and secretary of state in answer to a resolution of the assembly. 3p. (Assembly doc. 1851. no. 66) Law library
Relates to the preparation for printing the *Documents relative to the colonial history of the state of New York.*

N. Y. (state) — Comptroller. Reply in answer to a resolution of the senate adopted Jan. 17, 1853, in relation to the expenses of the Colonial history, etc. 14p. (Senate doc. 1853. no. 24)

Law library

Including report by E. B. O'Callaghan on binding and preparing various manuscripts.

N. Y. (state) — State, Secretary of. Communication in answer to resolutions requiring information in relation to the Documentary history. 64p. (Assembly doc. 1854. no. 136) Law library

N. Y. (state) — Library. List of manuscripts added to the New York state library from Jan. 1, 1850 to Jan. 1, 1855. (see N. Y. (state) — Library. *Annual report.* 1855. 38: 78-83)

027.5747 N42

N. Y. (state) — State, Secretary of. Report relative to printing the Documentary and colonial history. 4p. (Assembly doc. 1857. no. 134) Law library

N. Y. (state) — University. Report of the regents on the concurrent resolutions of Ap. 1, 1856. 2p. (Senate doc. 1857. no. 154) Law library

On original senate journals and other papers formerly in hands of A. B. Bancker and obtained by state. See no. 9 of previous list.

N. Y. (state) — Library. Catalogue of the New York state library, 1856; maps, manuscripts, engravings, coins, etc. Alb. 1857.

016.912 qN42

Manuscripts, p. 93-113.

N. Y. (state) — State, Secretary of. Communication relative to historical manuscripts and records in his office. 6p. (Senate doc. 1864. no. 46) Law library

— Calendar of historical manuscripts in the office of the secretary of state; ed. by E. B. O'Callaghan. 2v. Alb. 1865-66.

974.7 qN424

Contents: v. 1, Dutch manuscripts, 1630-64; v. 2 English manuscripts, 1664-1776.

These manuscripts were transferred to the state library, 1881.

N. Y. (state) — State, Secretary of. List of books and papers in the office of the secretary of state. 8p. Alb. 1866. 016.091 qN42
Reprinted from *Calendar of historical manuscripts in the office of the secretary of state*, v. 2, pref. p. 9-14.

— Calendar of historical manuscripts relating to the war of the revolution. 2 v. Alb. 1868. 973.3 qN42

This work is not a calendar but gives the full text of a portion of no. 47 of the previous list.

The manuscripts were transferred to the state library, 1881.

N. Y. (state) — Library. List of memorial relics of George Washington, with descriptive notes. (see N. Y. (state) — Library. *Annual report*. 1874. 56:139-46) 027.5747 N42

— Catalogue of manuscripts in the library, supplementary to the printed list of 1856. (see N. Y. (state) — Library. *Annual report*. 1874. 56:115-38) 027.5747 N42

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